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**DEMOCRACY COMMISSION SMALL GRANTS PROGRAM
Competition «Strengthening Capacity of Civic Councils at Bodies of
Executive Power and Local Government»**

The US Embassy in Ukraine calls for proposals from Ukrainian NGOs for increasing public activism and strengthening capacity of non-government organizations to participate in the policy-making and implementation of state and local policies by means of using civic councils at bodies of executive power and local government.

The Embassy will consider project proposals that will have at least two of the following components:

- Establishing and improving the work of civic councils that will include developing and implementing provisions, procedures, regulations of civic councils and other internal documents;
- Organization of public consultations with communities, civic expertise and anti-corruption civic expertise of draft laws and other pieces of legislation, and public control;
- Engaging and involving NGOs which are not members of civic councils to participate in the policy-making and implementation of state and local policies by means of using civic councils at bodies of executive power and local government;
- Conducting training sessions, seminars and other educational activities on the following topics: communication skills, increasing the role and impact of NGOs in the process of decision-making, efficient methods of work and cooperation with bodies of power;
- Increasing transparency and access to information about the work of civic councils and their cooperation with bodies of executive power and local government.

The US Embassy expects to fund quality and result-oriented projects of NGOs from various parts of Ukraine. The duration of programs may vary depending on the proposals but the length of the projects should not be longer than 12 months. The project budget can be \$10,000 - \$20,000.

COMPETITION REQUIREMENTS:

- Grants can be given only to Ukrainian NGOs registered in accordance with Ukrainian Law.
- NGOs and their members can not represent or be affiliated with a political party, appointed or elected officials.
- All project events and activities are to take place in Ukraine.
- Organizations are encouraged to seek co-funding from other donors and to offer some type of cost sharing (volunteer time, space, equipment, etc.).

TO APPLY:

In all correspondence, please refer to the “**Civic Councils**” Competition.

The electronic versions of all project proposals, marked “**Civic Councils**,” must reach the Democracy Grants Program office no later than **March 15, 2011** on the address below
KyivDemgrants@state.gov

Please, use the standard Democracy Grants Program application for and follow the instructions available at: <http://ukraine.usembassy.gov/democracy-grants.html>

Potential applicants may also request information by calling (044) 490-4055, 490-4339 or by writing to
KyivDemgrants@state.gov

Please note that late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

To participate in this competition organizations do not need to submit recommendations from an American US Government employee.